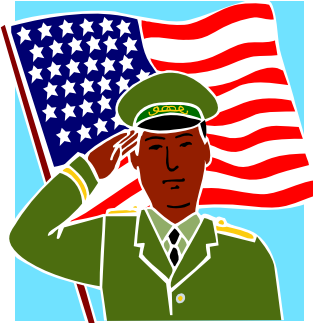


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An Information Periodical For DISC Employees

KITO by Vickie Rogers

Kansas Information Technology Office (KITO)

The current IT Governance structure was created with Senate Bill 5 in 1998. To support this statute, the KITO was established. Included in the KITO office is four distinct functional areas: Project Management Office, Geographical Information Systems, Architecture Office, and the Security Office. All four areas support the three Chief Information Technology Officers. The Project Management Office and the Architecture Office is described in this article.

The Project Management Office (PMO) provides support to the 3-CITOs, ITAB and oversight to IT projects. This includes Bid Specifications, Contract Management, Project Management Training, Project Planning, Project Approvals, Project Reporting, and Project Close-Out. All staff in the PMO are state certified project managers. This past year has brought numerous changes in project oversight. The PMO continues to work closely with the 3-CITOs towards implementing the recommendations made by JCIT this past year regarding IT project approval. Some of their recommendations are: 1) All specifications related to an approved IT project are now reviewed and approved by the CITO before release; 2) The \$250K threshold covers all funding including internal cost which may be associated with the project. As a result of these JCIT recommendations, ITEC policy 2400 has been revised and approved, the templates for project plans have been revised, the flowchart showing IT project approval process has been finalized, the IT planning instructions have been updated along with developing and implementing checklists to assist agencies in submitting their high level project plan,

their detailed project plan and quarterly project status reporting; and 3) JCIT notification of 10% variance in project cost or schedule.

Also, project management processes are being automated as much as possible. Some examples are use of digital signatures, submission of project plans in digital format, automating project status reporting using MS Project, and automated notification to JCIT of project approvals and variances. PMM training classes have been expanded to include MS Project training, Agile Methodologies, JAD, and Communications this past year and are offered throughout the year. To date, over 250 people have become certified in the Kansas Project Management Methodology. A database of tracking specifications was developed and is maintained by Carey Brown. The staff in the PMO are Cathy Nicoletti, Mary Grace, Carey Brown and Vickie Rogers.

The Architecture Office has a new person, Bryan Dreiling. Bryan comes to us originally from Hays. He attended Fort Hays State and is getting his masters from University of Colorado. He will be taking over the publishing of the 3 year IT Plan as part of his duties. The CITA office is also working on a scorecard to score projects and agencies on architecture alignment. This will make the Kansas Technical IT Architecture actionable. To support this we will be reactivating the Kansas Technical Architecture Review Board and several of its subcommittees over the next several months in order to refresh the KITA and establish a "Preferred Architecture" for Kansas. To make sure we have Business Architecture as a way of doing business the CITA office is developing an Enterprise Architecture training curriculum that we hope will be available to the IT community by this Fall. We conducted the first Enterprise Architecture training session with over 30 people and 13 agencies represented. Bill Roth and Bryan are in the Architecture Office.

Michaelis Family Graduates

We have 6 children and the youngest, Rex, is graduating this Saturday from Kansas State University. Also my oldest daughter Tracy is receiving her Masters degree from there. All six will have then graduated from K-State. Ryan (class of 93) graduated with a degree in animal science. Tracy (class of 94) has an elementary education degree and will receive her masters in administration Saturday. Shannan (class of 94) has a business degree in accounting. Carrie (class of 99) received her degree in secondary education and is a past Governor's scholar. Clint (class of 03) also has a degree in animal science. Rex (class of 05) will receive his degree in animal science with an emphasis in agricultural communications. We will be celebrating again for the sixth time, as you can imagine Carol and I are very proud.





EMPLOYEE INFO

Happy June Birthdays to:



Duncan Friend

Dallas Brown

Lisa Cameron

Joan Engelken

Tony Vargas

Chaz Good

Judy Niccoli

Kent Dugan

Eric Smith

Dean Carson

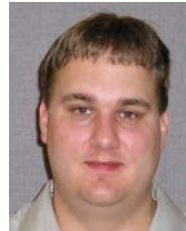
Jason Marsh

New Employees

Nagy Salem
4/25/05
BAS



Bryan Dreiling
4/25/05
KITO



Greg Smith
5/12/05
BIS



Welcome to DISC

Births

Jean Pierce's Grandson

Ethan
James
05/05/05



Deaths

Dan Glotzbach's Grandfather

Deb Harrop's Father

*Please Accept Our
Sincere Condolences
For The Loss Of Your
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Meeting Our Customer's Needs

KUDO

To: Duncan Friend

I wanted to thank you for allowing Duncan Friend to assist the INK Board of Directors during their Network Manager Contract renewal. His vision and detailed analysis capabilities have proven to be very valuable to the process. He has been an asset to the group.

From: Jim Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Information Network of Kansas, Inc.

To: Loren Westerdale and his team

The team involved with building the new UNIX box will be recognized by the KDOR IS Bureau as the "Team of the Month" for the bureau. We would like to thank everyone involved with the project; Eric Smith, Todd Fritz, David Bloyd, Mike Allen, Jeff Muller, Bill Berns and Brian Frahm. Although there is no monetary value to the recognition, it is the only way we have of recognizing outstanding performance. Thanks again.

From: Glen Yancey

To: Bill Kelly, Bryce Warner, Jim Logan, Clayton Kinnett, Larry Kettlewell

I am happy to report that our Proventia G appliances are officially installed and operating in simulation mode. We anticipate a "go-live" of inline monitoring in late summer.

We appreciate the efforts of the DISC team in ensuring that the necessary infrastructure and configurations were in place at LSOB and KSHS. This was a challenging project and it took a great deal of effort from all involved to finally bring the installation to completion. Although the project is far from over it is nice to have the devices in place and functional. Thanks for the assistance.

From: Aaron Wienshienk, Department of Labor

